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Henry Pleasants and I called on the Chancellor and explained to him and Dr. Globke [redacted] matter regarding which we wished the cooperation of the Federal Government. This was rapidly accorded, and the Chancellor detained me for a conversation on other affairs, which I summarized in a telegram to the Department (see pages 97-98).

The President sent a message to Adenauer, delivered to him this morning (see page 99).

Pat Shaw, the Australian Ambassador, came to see me to inform himself about the conversations last week in Paris.

Felix von Eckardt and Bill Tyler lunched with me. Felix seems fully restored to health. Amongst other things, we examined the attractions of various cities for a possible Summit meeting. Von Eckardt ruled out San Francisco on the ground the travel and cable expenses there would result in poor news coverage, especially by European papers.

Bob Loupe bade me a formal goodby this afternoon, although he is only leaving toward the end of the month. I am really distressed to lose him, but he has served over-time here and must go.

I had a full staff meeting late today.

Francois Seydoux called me to say how successful the meetings were [redacted] between Prime Minister Debre and the Germans. Bill Tyler is to be thoroughly briefed on them by Francois Leduc.

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Saw Chancellor this morning. He intends in conversation with Secretary to explain his general views on pending questions for about 20 minutes. Only specific matters he has immediately in mind to discuss thereafter are:

1. Suggestion made by him yesterday to Prime Min Debre that there be a spokesman for the three Western delegations in Geneva

2. He will take up with you, as he already has with French, his desire to have three FonMins advise Dr. Gerstenmaier orally they think it undesirable for election FedRep President take place Berlin, since they wish to keep things as quiet as possible there as long as practicable. You need no briefing on this matter and would suggest you answer it seems primarily a domestic affair but you are ready to consider it with the French and British. I told him I personally felt his original proposal that the FonMins should express themselves in writing to Gerstenmaier on this subject would be a mistake, and he has agreed. Gerstenmaier who has determining voice regarding place

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of election, would now, according to Chancellor, like to reverse previous decision naming Berlin.

Adenauer looks magnificently well but is gloomy over Geneva prospects [redacted] He shares Couve's estimate, made to him yesterday, that: (a) the first week of the Geneva conference will be taken up by consideration of Czechoslovak and Polish seating; (b) second week with arguments over FedRep and GDR representation; (c) third week wrangle over FonMin Agenda; (d) fourth week dispute over Summit conference agenda.

Chancellor said talks with French past two days in every respect excellent. DeGaulle and himself are agreed upon all major principles and he continues to feel existing rapprochment between France and Germany a "miracle and wonder of God."

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in the late Eighteenth Century, is considered to have been distinguished by the greatest display of hospitality and elegant ostentation ever known in an Embassy. I don't believe the Soviets will come up to this kind of snuff, but the allowances and facilities (including a huge schloss) granted their Ambassador in Vienna is in strong contrast to the modest perquisites of Smirnow in Bonn.

David Schoenbrun, Dorothy and Lucy (now 12) came to see us at drink time, as did Madame Dominique Aucleres, the famous columnist of Le Figaro.

Tonight, we dined with the Herters, in the villa lent them by a Californian named Macgregor. Selwyn Lloyd, von Brentano, Grewe, the Bob Hookers (he is now stationed in Berne), Mac and her sister, Helen Philbin, Esther and Michael Wright, Robbins and Helen Milbank were there.

After dinner, the three Foreign Ministers talked frankly. I mentioned what seemed to me to be the desirability, as advocated by Adenauer, of obtaining some real concession from the Soviets in return for Western agreement to a Summit meeting. A standstill on Berlin appeared to me a possible quid pro quo. Also, could the Chiefs of State not consider controlled general disarmament, ad referendum to the UN.